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REPORT



THE LEEK RURAL AREA extends over 63,960 acres. It is divided into 23 parishes. The population, as estimated by the Registrar-General was 16,020 in 1938, compared to 15,970 in 1937. The main occupations are farming and mining.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1938 was 4,348, as against 4,258 in 1937.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1938.

<i>Live-Births.</i>	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate... ..	134	124	258
Illegitimate	6	3	9
	140	127	267

Birth-rate per 1,000 of population—14·1

<i>Still-Births.</i>	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate... ..	9	4	13
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	10	4	14

Rate per 1,000 total Births—52·4

<i>Deaths.</i>	M.	F.	Total.
	94	74	168

Death-rate per 1,000 of the population—10·48

Deaths from Puerperal causes—1

Death-rate of Infants under 1 Year.

All Infants per 1,000 Live-births—56·1.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Live-births—44·9.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Live-births—10·8.

Deaths from Measles—1.

Deaths from Whooping Cough—Nil

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2)—Nil

Deaths from Cancer—13.

TUBERCULOSIS

9 new cases of Tuberculosis have been notified. 6 pulmonary and 3 non-pulmonary. The age distribution was :—

Age Periods	NEW CASES				Total	DEATHS				Total
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
Under 1										
1 to 5			1	...	1	...		..		
5 „ 10	...	1	1	...	2	...		...		
10 „ 15	...		...			...		...		
15 „ 20	...		..			..	1	...		1
20 „ 25	1	...	1	...	2	...		...		
25 „ 35	1	...	1	...	2	...	2	1	...	3
35 „ 45	1	...	1	...	2	...	1	...		1
45 „ 55	...		...			..		...		
55 „ 65	...		...			...		...		
Over 65	..		...			..		...		
TOTAL ..	3	...	3	...	9	...	4	1	...	5

The following is the notification of Infectious Diseases amongst the children attending the schools in the district. In the age period 5—15, the school age, there were 5 deaths.

January—Influenza—Brownedge, Heaton, Hollinclough.

Chickenpox—Endon.

Diphtheria—Warslow, Baddeley Green.

Measles—Norton Green.

Scarlet Fever—Rushton, Norton Green.

February—Mumps—Onecote, Norton-in-the-Moors.

Influenza—Rushton, Thorncliffe, Quarnford,
Ramshaw.

Measles—Leekfrith, Fawfieldhead, Longsdon.

Diphtheria—Bagnall.

Chickenpox—Endon, Norton Green

Scarlet Fever—Baddeley Green.

- March— Whooping Cough—Longnor, Onecote, Warslow
 Scarlet Fever—Browndedge.
 Measles—Leekfrith.
 Influenza—Onecote.
 Mumps—Norton-in-the-Moors.
 Chickenpox—Norton Green.
- April— Chickenpox—Rushton, Norton Green.
 Measles—Fawfieldhead.
 Whooping Cough—Baddeley Green.
 Mumps—Browndedge.
- May— Measles—Baddeley Green, Fawfieldhead.
 Scarlet Fever—Endon.
- June— Measles—Rushton, Baddeley Green, Heaton.
 Whooping Cough—Ramshaw, Baddeley Green,
 Browndedge.
 Scarlet Fever—Norton, Browndedge, Longnor.
- July— Measles—Baddeley Green, Norton-in-the-Moors,
 Longsdon, Norton Green, Horton.
 Scarlet Fever—Norton-in-the-Moors, Browndedge
 Baddeley Green.
 Whooping Cough—Bagnall.
 Chickenpox—Bagnall, Norton-in-the-Moors.
- September—Scarlet Fever—Alstonefield.
- November— Measles—Horton, Bradnop.
 Whooping Congh—Onecote.
 Influenza—Meerbrook.
- December— Influenza—Meerbrook, Ham, Bagnall.

The Hospitals available for the district are the North Staffordshire Infirmary, the Leek Memorial Cottage Hospital, the Leek Union Infirmary, the Smallpox Hospital at Bagnall, and the Leek Isolation Hospital.

During 1938, 24 cases of Scarlet Fever and 7 cases of Diphtheria were sent to Leek Isolation Hospital. There was 1 death.

The Tuberculosis Officer attends at Norton and Leek weekly.

There are 5 Health Visitors, who made 6,464 visits.

We take advantage of the facilities provided by the Staffordshire County Council for bacteriological examination, especially in cases of suspected Diphtheria, Tuberculosis, and Venereal Disease.

The Sanitary Staff of the Council consists of the M.O.H., the Sanitary Inspector, one Junior Student assistant Sanitary Inspector, who was added in August, 1937, and a cleansing Superintendent for 3 parishes and parts of 2 other parishes.

The Senior Inspector holds the Certificate of the Sanitary Institute.

H. KELSO WATSON.

Table I--Leek Rural District.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1938, AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

1	Population to middle of each year.		Births.		Total Deaths Registered in the District.		Transferable Deaths of Non-Residents registered in the District.		Net Deaths Involving to the District.		At all Ages.	
	2	3	Un-corrected Number.	Nett. Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Under 1 Year of Age.	Rate per 1,000.	Num-ber.
1932	15580	250	283	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1933	15680	199	198		12.4	143	8.9	6	48	22	110.5	185
1934	15651	224	245		15.6	159	10.1	7	38	8	320.6	185
1935	15640	229	235		15.2	121	7.7	9	49	13	55.3	161
1936	15830	250	289		18.2	133	7.4	2	58	18	65.01	189
1937	15970	192	223		13.9	153	9.5	10	41	5	22.4	184
1938	16020	225	267		14.1	124	7.7	5	48	15	56.1	168

* Rates in Columns 5, 7, and 13, calculated per 1000 of estimated population.

NOTE.—The deaths to be included in column 6 of this table are the whole of those registered during the year as having actually occurred within the district or division. The deaths to be included in column 12 are the number in column 6, corrected by the subtraction of the number in column 8 and the addition of the number in column 9.

Area of District in acres (land and inland water) } 63,960

Total population at all ages ... 16020
Number of Inhabited Houses ... 4348

Table II—Leek Rural District.

Cases of infectious Disease notified during the year 1938.

Notifiable Disease	Cases Notified in Whole District						Total Cases notified in Each Locality			No. of Cases Re-moved to Hospital	Deaths in Hospital
	At all Ages	At Ages—Years					Norton-in-the Moors District	Endon and Bagnall District	Quar-ford and Leek-frith District		
		Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 65					
Smallpox ...	7		1	6			5		2	5	1
Diphtheria and Membranous Group											
Erysipelas ..		1				1					
Scarlet Fever	24		5	19			24			20	
Typhoid Fever											
Puerperal Fever	1					1	1				
Ophthalmia											
Neonatorum	1	1					1				
Malaria											
Pneumonia ...	13		2	3	4	3	9		4		
Encephalitis											
Lethargica ...	1				1		1				
Puerperal Sepsis											
Pelionmyelitis ..											
Tuberculosis ...	9			2		7	7	1	1		
Tubercular											
Meningitis ...											
Totals	57	1	8	30	5	12	48	1	7	25	1

Leek Isolation Hospital.

Table III—Leek Rural District

CAUSE OF DEATH	All ages	Under 1	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Enteric Fever ...									
Smallpox ...									
Measles ...	1			1					
Scarlet Fever ...									
Whooping Cough ...									
Diphtheria ...	1			1					
Influenza ...	2						1		1
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	1					1			
Meningitis ...									
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	4					1	3		
Other Tuberculous Diseases ...	1						1		
Cancer, Malignant Disease ...	12							6	6
Rheumatism ...									
Rheumatic Fever ...									
Diabetes ...									
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. ...	20						1	7	12
Heart Disease ...	16	1						6	9
Arterio Sclerosis ...	19							4	15
Bronchitis ...	8	1				1		3	3
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	15				1		1	3	10
Other Respiratory Diseases ...									
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ...	2						1	1	
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years) ...									
Appendicitis and Typhlitis ...	1			1					
Cirrhosis of Liver ...	3								3
Acute and Chronic Nephritis ...	8					2	2	2	2
Puerperal Sepsis ...									
Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition ...	1						1		
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth ...	10	10							
Suicide ...									
Other Deaths from Violence ...	9		1	1	2		2	3	
Other Defined Diseases ...	16	3			2		3	3	5
Causes ill-defined or unknown ...									
Senile Decay ...	18								18
Totals ...	168	15	1	4	5	5	16	38	84

Table IV.—Leek Rural District

1938—INFANT MORTALITY.

Net Deaths from stated Causes at various Ages under One Year of Age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 month.	1-3 Months.	3-6 Months.	6-9 Months.	9-12 Months.	Total Deaths under 1 Year.
Smallpox	...									
Chickenpox	...									
Measles	...									
Scarlet Fever	...									
Whooping Cough	...									
Diphtheria, Croup	...									
Erysipelas	...									
Abdominal Tuberculosis	...									
Other Tuberculous Diseases	...									
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	...									
Meningitis (Not Tuberculous)	...									
Convulsions	...	4			4			1		5
Influenza	...									
Laryngitis	...									
Bronchitis	...		1		1					1
Pneumonia, all forms	...									
Diarrhoea	...									
Enteritis	...									
Gastritis	...									
Syphilis	...									
Rickets	...									
Suffocation, overlying	...									
Injury at Birth	...									
Atelectasis	...									
Congenital Malformations	1	1			2					2
Premature Birth	4			1	5					5
Atrophy, Debility, and Marasmus	...									
Accident	...									
Other Causes	1				1		1			2
Ill-defined Diseases	...									
Congenital Debility	...									
Grand Totals	6	5	1	1	13	0	1	1	0	15

TABLE V.

Causes of Death in Leek Rural District, 1938

CAUSES OF DEATH		Males	Females
ALL CAUSES		94	74
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers			
Measles	...	1	
Scarlet Fever	...		
Whooping Cough	...		
Diphtheria	...	1	
Influenza	...	1	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	...		1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...		
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...		4
Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	2	
Syphilis	...		
General paralysis of the insane, tabes dorsalis	...		
Cancer, malignant diseases	...	8	5
Diabetes	...		1
Cerebral Hemorrhage, &c.	...	7	1
Heart Disease	...	19	19
Aneurysm	...		
Other circulatory diseases	...	8	6
Bronchitis	...	4	1
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	6	8
Other Respiratory Diseases	...		
Peptic Ulcer	...	1	1
Diarrhoea, &c. (under 2 years)	...		
Appendicitis	...		1
Cirrhosis of Liver	...	2	1
Other diseases of liver, etc.	...	1	
Other digestive diseases	...	2	2
Acute and chronic Nephritis	...	4	1
Puerperal Sepsis	...		
Other puerperal causes	...		1
Cong-nital Debility and malformation, premature birth, etc.	...	8	3
Senility	...	4	3
Suicide	...		
Other violence	...	4	5
Other defined diseases	...	11	9
Causes ill-defined or unknown	...		
Special Causes (included in No. 35 above)	...		
Smallpox	...		
Poliomyelitis	...		
Polioencephalitis	...		
Deaths of Infants (Total	...	11	4
under 1 year (Legitimate	...	9	3
Illegitimate	...	2	1
Live Births (Total	...	140	127
Legitimate	...	134	124
Illegitimate	...	6	3
Stillbirths (Total	...	10	4
Legitimate	...	9	1
Illegitimate	...	1	
POPULATION (for Births and Deaths)	...	16,020	

General Register Office,

Somerset House,

April, 1939.

London, W.C. 2.

Table VI.—Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1938.

England and Wales, London, 126 Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns)

	England and Wales	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Popula- tions 25000 to 50000 at 1931 Census)	London Adminis- trative County
Rates per 1000 Population				
Births :—				
Live	15.1	15.0	15.4	13.4
Still	0.60	0.65	0.60	0.48
Deaths :—				
All Causes	11.6	11.7	11.0	11.4
Typhoid and Para- Typhoid Fevers ...	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Smallpox	0.00		0.00	
Measles	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.06
Scarlet Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Whooping Cough ...	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03
Diphtheria	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05
Influenza	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.06
Violence				
Notifications :—				
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Scarlet Fever	2.41	2.60	2.58	2.05
Diphtheria	1.58	1.85	1.53	1.90
Enteric Fever	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05
Erysipelas	0.40	0.46	0.39	0.46
Pneumonia	1.10	1.28	0.98	0.98
Rates per 1000 Live Births				
Deaths under 1 year of age	53	57	51	57
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	5.5	7.8	3.6	13.1
Maternal Mortality :				
Puerperal Sepsis ...	0.89	Not Available		
Others	2.19			
Total	3.08			
Rates per 1000 Total Births i.e. Live & Still				
Maternal Mortality :—				
Puerperal Sepsis ...	0.86	Not Available		
Others	2.11			
Total	2.97			
Notifications :—				
Puerperal Fever ...	14.42	18.08	12.51	3.53
Puerperal Pyrexia ...				15.46

SIDE-LIGHTS TO HEALTH IN RURAL DISTRICTS.
PRESERVATION OF RURAL SCENERY is happily developing.

SEE CAMPING SITES. —By the application of Section 269, and sub sections (in Public Health Act, 1936) (inclusive) it will be possible for Local Authorities to exercise judicious control of Camping Sites (varied as necessary) applicable to Rural Features and Zoned areas.

Refuse still disfigures and pollutes many Rural roads and lanes- offenders are liable to prosecution.

AMPLE PROVISION OF PURE WATER is one of the greatest needs for the good health of every person, as where such is very limited, Cleanliness and Health are greatly jeopardised.

Rural Districts cannot possibly attain all Urban facilities.

The growing appreciation of Sanitation (see removals of House refuse) increases problems for finance resources and administration.

SAFE SEWAGE DISPOSAL is of vital importance, especially in areas without properly piped domestic water supply. The possibilities of pollution through streams, springs, eventually wells, is a matter receiving close attention, and abatement.

Where Septic and Filtering Chambers are attached to House Drains periodic renewal and aeration of "filtering media" should receive systematic attention

Harmless chemicals may be procured for clarifying effluents from cesspools and septic tanks.

Where Housing develops, liability (for trespass, or damage occurring by reason of cesspools being neglected emptying) rests with the offenders. To save emptying, people have frequently connected their House drains cesspools to field drains, this is a dangerous practice (often polluting water) creating a nuisance by running into a ditch, and renders such persons liable to prosecution.

THE MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

Farmers and Cowkeepers indifferent to Approved methods of Lighting, Ventilating, Paving and Drainage of Shippons, must eventually be prevented from disposing of milk for human food

All Dairymen and Dairying Shippons must be registered Milk Houses and Refrigerators are necessary to all Dairy-farms, and on changing tenancy must re-register.

The approved method for cooling Milk is through a Refrigerator.

All Dairying utensils must be sterilized. Cleanliness is far from general among milk producers and dairymen. From experience since 1926, many never will be fit to handle milk or its products for human consumption (positively hopeless), and should be segregated to tend swine.

As a guide to improve bad conditions, the following should be adopted-

1. Lights area total equal to one twelfth of floor area.
2. Ventilation :— Clear openings (to external air) total to equal one twenty-fourth of floor area.

Open Hopper lights to windows (provide vents) at the front and rear of Shippons, give through air current.

Query :—Light or Vent "gauged per cow" does not calculate for varying dimensions of Shippons, hence ;—One would be well lighted, while cubically too limited, *vice-versa* :— Might be detrimentally spacious yet lack necessary vent and light.

If a standard as to cubic capacity of Shippons, were adopted (throughout the country)—see "Byelaws for Dwellings" also Demolitions) practical uniformity could be attained. Officials and Dairymen inclusive would then toe a defined line.

3. Impervious (cement concrete) floors evenly laid for draining liquid on to Trapped Gullies (fixed in open air) piped to discharge at a safe distance to prevent any nuisance of pollution.

No Structural alterations or new Shippons must be executed previous to receiving approval.

Open jointed floors are not allowed to remain in old Lofts, and where possible, heights from Shippon floor should be not less than eight feet six inches.

Lofts are not approved for new Shippons.

Limewashing of all Shippons is Necessary and Compulsory at least twice every year, once during April or May and once during September or October.

Coating Walls with Pitch and Tar to a height of four feet six inches (4ft. 6ins.) at the rear of Standings prevents absorption of liquid gives, a smooth washable surface and aids disinfection.

Failing compliance with :— Milk and Dairies Order 1926, or neglecting to register with the “ Local Authority in which Dairy, or Dairy Premises (including Shippons) are situated will necessitate stopping disposal of Milk, intended for Human consumption, and Prosecution of Offenders.”

NOTE. —Evaporated breath of cows in liquid form saturating walls of Shippons shut up without sufficient ventilation.

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Staffordshire County Council.**TABLE VII**

SUMMARY of SANITARY WORK done in the Sanitary Inspector's Department during the year 1938, in the Rural District of Leek.

		Number of		Abatement Notices		Nuisances Abated after notice by	
		Inspections and Observations made	Defects found	Informal by Inspector	Formal by Authority	Inspector	Authority
House Drainage	Foul Conditions	2	2	2		2	
	Structural Defects	8	8	8		8	
	Dwelling-houses and Schools	97	53	53		53	
	Dairies {	208	304	196		196	
	Cowsheds {						
	Bakehouses	6	0	0		0	
	Slaughter-houses	76	5	5		5	
	Ashpits and Privies... ..	84	28	28		28	
	Deposits of Refuse and Manure	12	12	12		12	
	Water Closets	17	4	4		4	
	Defective Traps	5	5	5		5	
	No Disconnection	2	2	2		2	
	Other Faults	11	11	11		11	
	Water Supply	84	84	84		84	
	Pigstys	0	0	0		0	
	Animals improperly kept	1	1	1		1	
TOTALS ...		620	522	414		414	

Unwholesome food	Number of Seizures	...	...	...	...
	Condemned by Magistrates	...	...	...	Nil
	Prosecutions for exposing for sale	...	...	...	...
	Convictions ditto ditto...	...	...	...	...
Food and Drugs Act	Samples taken for Analysis	...	...	...	...
	Number found Adulterated, &c.	...	...	...	Nil
	Proceedings taken	...	...	...	...
	Number of Convictions	...	...	...	...
	Samples of Water taken for Analysis	...	...	...	11
	Samples of Water condemned as unfit for use	...	...	...	1

Precautions against infectious disease

Lots of Infected Bedding Disinfected or Destroyed	6
Houses Disinfected after Infectious Disease... ..	31
Prosecutions for not Notifying Existence of Infectious Disease	} Nil
Convictions ditto ditto	
Prosecutions for Exposure of Infected Persons or things	
Convictions ditto ditto	

NOTE —When an Inspection or Notice embraces more than one defect, it may be enumerated separately as regards each such defect.

Signed Geo. Rd. Hewlett,
Sanitary Inspector.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1938, for the Rural District of Leek.

Factories, Workshops, Workplaces, and Homework.

1.—INSPECTION.

(Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	7		
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)... ..	6		
Workshops (other than Outworkers' Premises included part 3 of this Report)			
Total	13		

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars	Number of Defects.		Referred to H.M. Inspector	Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied		
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—</i>				
Want of Cleanliness	0	0	0	0
Want of ventilation				
Overcrowding				
Want of drainage of floors... ..				
Other nuisances				
*Sanitary accommoda- tion	{ insufficient... .. unsuitable or defective not separate for sexes	0 0 See foot note	0	0
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (S. 101)	None			
Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses (SS 97 to 100)	None			
Other offences	None			
(Excluding offences relating to outwork which are included in Part 3 of this Report)				
Total	0	0	0	0

* Sec. 22 of the Public Health Acts, Amendment Act, 1890, has been adopted, but no standard has been fixed by the Council.

3.—Home Work

OUTWORKERS' LISTS, SECTION 107.

NATURE OF WORK.	Lists received from Employers.					Num- bers of Ad- dress- es of Out- work- ers receiv'd from other Coun- cils	Num- bers of Ad- dress- es of Out- work- ers forward ed to other Coun- cils	Prosecutions			Num- ber of Inspec- tions of Out- work- ers Prem- ises	UNWHOLE-SOME PREMISES. SECTION 108			OUTWORK IN IN- FECTED PREMISES SECTION 109, 110			
	Twice in the Year.	Once in the Year.	Out- work- ers	List- s.	4			5	Failing to keep or per- mit in- spec- tion of lists	8		9	In- stances	Notices served	Prose- cutions	In- stances	Orders made (S 110)	Prose- cutions (Sec- tions 109 110)
+ Lists. workers	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			

NIL.

No returns received or sent.

* If an occupier gives out work of more than one of the classes specified in column 1, and subdivides his list in such a way as to show the number of workers in each class of work, the list should be included among those in column 2 (or 4 as the case may be) against the principal class only, but the outworkers should be assigned in column 3 (or 5) into their respective class. A footnote should be added to show that this has been done.

4—Registered Workshops.

Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at the end of the year	Number	CLASS	NUMBER.
(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
Important classes of workshops such as workshop bakehouses, here, may be enumerated.	43	Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories :—	
		Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Acts (s. 133, 1901) ...	
		Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5 1901)	Notified by H.M. Inspector Nil
		Other ...	
		Underground Bakehouses (s. 101) :—	
Total number of workshops on Register.	43	Certificates granted during the year	
		In use at the end of the year	

May, 1939. *(Signature)* H. Kisco Watson
Medical Officer of Health

NOTE.—The Factory and Workshop Act, 1901 (s. 132), requires the Medical Officer of Health in his Annual Report to the District Council to report specifically on the administration of that Act in workshops and workplaces, and to send a copy of his Annual Report, or so much of it as deals with this subject, to the Secretary of State (Home Office). If the Annual Report is presented otherwise than in print, it is unnecessary to include in the copy sent to the Home Office the portions which do not relate to factories, workshops, workplaces, or homework. The duties of Local Authorities and the Medical Officer of Health under the Act of 1901 are detailed in the Home Office Memorandum of March, 1912.

Return made 1938—Annual Report

HOUSING CONDITIONS

STATISTICS.

Year ending December, 1938.

Year 1938

1.—GENERAL.

1. Number of dwelling-houses of all classes	4348
2. Number of working-class dwelling-houses	2880
3. Number of new working-class houses erected	89
4. Temporary dwellings	0
5. Villas	0

2.—UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES

I.—INSPECTION.

1. Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	124
2. Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	48
3. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	6
4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation... ..	24

II. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers

17

III—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

(a) Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	8
2. Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit	
(a) by owners	8
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	0
3. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders become operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	0

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

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| 1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 36 |
| 2. Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied :— | |
| (a) by owners | 36 |
| (b) by Local Authority in default of owners | |

C.—Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909

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| 1. Number of representations made with a view to making of Closing Orders | 0 |
| 2. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made | 0 |
| 3. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit. | 0 |
| 4. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | 0 |
| 5. Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders... | 0 |

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

A.—Proceedings under sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930 :

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| Total number of dwelling-houses inspected | 0 |
| 1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | 0 |
| 2. Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :— | |
| (a) by owners | 11 |
| (b) by Local Authority in default of owners | 0 |

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

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| 1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 76 |
| 2. Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :— | |
| (a) by owners | 76 |
| (b) by Local Authority in default of owners | 0 |

C.—Proceedings under sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930 :

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| 1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | 0 |
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2. Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	0
D.—Proceedings under section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930 :	
1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	0
2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ...	0
E.—Proceedings under section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 :	
1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	0
2. Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) by owners ...	0
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners ...	0
3. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close ...	0

HOUSING ACT, 1936.

Part IV., Section 57.

ABATEMENT OF OVERCROWDING.

Total number of Houses inspected, 124. None found to be overcrowded.

Private enterprise building at present providing necessary accommodation.

3.—UNHEALTHY AREAS

Areas represented to the Local Authority with a view to Improvement Schemes under (a), Part I., or (b), Part II, of the Act of 1890 :—

1. Name of Area	
2. Acreage	
3. Number of working-class houses in area	None
4. Number of working-class persons to be displaced	
4.—Number of houses not complying with the building bye-laws erected with consent of Local Authority under section 25 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919 ..	0

N B.—During the year, plans for 118 houses plus 57 varying alterations and extensions were approved. Each entailing not less than 3 consecutive inspections, viz. :—

1. Foundations and Damp Course
2. Drains and Spouting
3. Final on completion which insures water provision previous to occupation.

Where irregularities occur, additional inspections are essential to secure satisfactory conditions.

In addition to above—any alteration or repairs to old “House Drains” are inspected

To insure sound buildings, licences should be instituted for persons trading as builders, such persons should have served years in learning the various branches of the building trade. Controlled with Byelaws and adequate supervision.

Town Planning although operative (more or less affected by uninitiated control) in some instances tends to misuse of “sites” set hopelessly for (securing) commercial and public social services inclusive, or accord with varying local amenities.

5.—Staff engaged with, briefly, the duties of each officer. A junior (student) assistant in Sanitary Inspector's department, (also a cleansing Superintendant over contractors in the Parishes of Norton-in-the-Moors, Bagnall, Endon and Stanley, and parts of Horton and Longsdon, with the Council's Surveyor, (Certified Sanitary Inspector).

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